# **IEEE Membership and MGA The Path Forward**

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# **Satisfaction drives a healthy business**

Improved Satisfaction

### Increased Retention

 Every 1% Increase in Higher Grade Retention = ~\$200,000 in Dues

 Larger number of members to purchase societies, optional publications, and other services

Increased Referrals

- Currently 65% of recruitment is driven by referrals
- "Great" satisfaction will drive a higher percentage of referrals from a larger number of members

Economies of Scale

 Allows fixed costs of membership to be spread across a larger number of members





Image from Bain & Company: http://www.bain.com/publications/articles/what-it-takes-to-win-with-customer-experience.aspx

# Where does MGA Play?



Geography

- Additional Focus placed on
  - China
  - USA
  - India
  - Japan





Life

- Undergrads • Graduate Students
- Young Professionals
- Practitioners
  - Tech Path
  - Mgmt Path
- Women in Engineering



Lines

- Membership of Operation
  - Careers
    - Networking
  - Discounts
  - Conferences
  - Technology
    - IEEE Societies
    - Future Directions (New and Emerging Technologies)

# **2014 MGA Priority Projects**

#### PPCT

- Sections Congress 2014
- Career Resources Business Plan
- Young Professionals(YP) transition from GOLD and Focus on the Member
- Improving YP Committee's Focus on the Member
- Women In Engineering
  - Leadership Conference
  - Business Plan

- Implement Japan and India Growth Plans
- MGA Presence in Global Offices
- GeoUnit Vitality Dashboard
- Member Communications
- Student Grants (SC Recommendation #4) - Completed
- Global Loyalty Program (SC Recommendation # 2)
  - Metro Area Workshops (MAW)



# How will we win?



Improve satisfaction in areas most important to members

Top 5 Areas with Largest Importance/Satisfaction Gaps:

- Online Professional Networking 0
  - Career Resources
  - Discounts Continuing Education
- Access to Information & Publications
- Through locally authentic strategies and experiences
- Exploring innovative and experimental models for member engagement
- All IEEE participates in the winning aspiration



### How will we win? Accountability across IEEE:

Many OUs have major roles in improving the member experience



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# What capabilities must be in place?

- Ensure a consistent basic level of member experience
  - A 'lowest common denominator' if Section/Chapter is not delivering



- Be relevant to Industry
- Ability to integrate between 'headquarters' and local units
- Effective/rewarding volunteer development & experiences
- The capability to innovate



### What management systems are required?

- Prioritization lists & focused goals that ensure continuity over time
- Budgeting and resource allocation
- Effective volunteer committee and geo-unit structures
- Dashboard & metrics measurement

- Effective and efficient Branding
- Benefit portfolio management
- Agile/Nimble IT
   Structure
- Legal and Compliance/Audit Management



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# **Key Metrics**

Develop key metrics in the areas of conferences, publications and member satisfaction; track IEEE performance using these metrics over the last five years; use the 5-year data to create a baseline for future assessment of progress.



- - Operations: Product, benefit development / portfolio mgmt, contact center
- <u>Volunteer Development</u> → Volunteer Satisfaction
  - Operations: Section, Chapter, Branch, Volunteer leadership and training, position occupancy rates
- Market Development  $\rightarrow$  Membership Growth
  - Operations: Direct outreach, MD Volunteer support, Advertising, promotions resulting in member retention, recruitment and reinstatement
- Partner Development → Partner Satisfaction
  - Top-box partner satisfaction
  - Operations: Program and activity partnerships and sponsorships

#### ■ Finances → Resulting from the successful execution of the aforementioned



# **MGA Strategy**



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# A look into the future



## What is the Member Experience?

#### Orienting ourselves to the member's point of view

Referring membership

Mentor/Mentee Using myIEEE

Networking with others

Receiving an e-mail

Looking for a Service

Receiving a Welcome

#### Join<mark>i</mark>ng

Attending a Meeting Reading an article Commenting on an article Getting Support from a local unit Self Service Grade Eleva Volunteering S Support from the Contact Center

Joining a society Watching a video Using an IEEE Product Help to find a job Renewing Winning an award Writing an article Getting Discounts Taking a course **Grade Elevations** Shopping



# Member Products & Programs

- Ability to connect with other members & collaborate online
  - Find and participate in IEEE events
  - Get hard questions answered by a reliable community
- Careers portfolio that delivers 50%+ Top Box Satisfaction
- A \$3M+ Women In Engineering Business
  - Low reliance on member dues
  - Majority of income from corporate sponsorships & conferences
- Products and experiences relevant to the member's local needs
- Signature Student & Young Professionals Programs
  - Deliver a few "Wow" experiences for members each year
  - Enhanced funding for corporate donors



# Identified Opportunities (high level)

**Delivering an exceptional membership experience** 

#### **Online Experience:**

- Primary focus has been PPCT launch
- Need to personalize and simplify experience across myIEEE, IEEE.org, IEEE USA, IBP, SpectrumOnline, The Institute, etc.

#### Students & Young Professionals

- Must continue to offer new, exciting, valuable experiences at local level
- Must improve integration between Student Branches and Sections/Chapters

#### **Continuing Education:**

No significant progress made, awaiting enterprise plan

#### Access to Publications:

No significant progress made as primary focus has been Open Access Launch

#### **Discounts:**

Our lack of scale outside of the US has made it difficult to negotiate discounts in other areas since they tend to be "country by country"



# **Identified Opportunities (high level)** Expanding IEEE's global membership presence

#### Japan and India:

 Moving beyond planning into tactical activities with accountable ownership at the country level

#### **United States**

 Engagement of excited leadership to drive new recruitment and retention (though slow progress is being made on this front)

# Ensure a consistent basic level of member experience

 Develop a 'lowest common denominator' if Section/Chapter is not delivering

#### **Relevance to Industry:**

- Careers plan and PPCT are designed to address this key need



# **Identified Opportunities (high level)**

#### Improving the volunteer experience

#### **Volunteer Training:**

- Continue to simplify and improve upon volunteer training materials and methods

#### **Volunteer Support:**

 Providing online self help knowledgebase, as well as e-mail and telephone support for volunteers

#### Legal & Compliance Management:

 Improve communications with local units and volunteers who must participate in these activities

#### **Volunteer Tools:**

- Continuing to make improvements to vTools to meet volunteer requirements
- myIEEE volunteer desktop needs to be upgraded to new platform

#### **Volunteer Engagement:**

 Developing new models for volunteering when they do not have the time or interest for typical IEEE volunteer positions.



# **From the Member's perspective**

- Members join IEEE
- Members join society(ies)
- Members are assigned to Sections → Regions



... In order to achieve true member value, each OU must be accountable for the member satisfaction in its area



# **Accountability Across IEEE**

- Understand needs of members and pursue opportunities to satisfy those needs.
- Encourage innovation and showcase the most innovative organizations and approaches
- Monitor local membership trends. <u>Develop actions and strategies</u> to create programs, products, and services for members, and set up learning opportunities that can be offered to members.
- What steps can we take/roles can we assume within MGA and Regions and Sections to <u>take advantage of</u> <u>economies of scale</u> that individual members-volunteers-Sections can't take advantage of alone.



# A glimpse of our potential ...

Actions	What members should feel from the experience
Join & Renew	- Easy, and makes me feel like IEEE cares about me
Navigation & Discovery	<ul> <li>I can find what I need easily</li> <li>I can get help from a person when I need it</li> <li>It saves me time</li> </ul>
Using Products & Services	<ul> <li>Offerings are relevant to my needs</li> <li>My expectations are exceeded when I use products</li> <li>Benefits consistently exceed the costs</li> <li>IEEE makes good on their reputation for quality</li> </ul>
Attending Events	<ul> <li>I can easily find and register for events</li> <li>I feel welcome and part of the organization</li> <li>I get valuable information</li> </ul>
Getting support	<ul> <li>I can get support when &amp; how I need it</li> <li>Staff/Volunteer(s) understand &amp; exceed my needs</li> </ul>
Volunteering	<ul> <li>I can easily find valuable opportunities</li> <li>I get proper training &amp; recognition</li> </ul>

# Thank you!



